

SEC. 13. That all the civil causes that shall remain on the Superior Court docket of New Hanover county, including those that are on the docket of the Judge of Probate of New Hanover after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, in which both plaintiff and defendant are citizens of Pender county, shall be transmitted by the clerk of the county of New Hanover to the county of Pender for trial, under the same rules and regulations that govern the removal of causes from one county to another, except that no affidavit or order of the court shall be necessary thereto, and it shall be the duty of said clerk to deliver the transcripts of record of such suits to the clerk of the Superior Court of Pender county at least twenty days before the first term of said court is held, and all of said causes shall then stand for trial at that term, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said county to prepare a docket for the trial of causes, and to place the causes transmitted in the same order that they stood on the docket of New Hanover.

Civil causes  
transferred.

SEC. 14. Where criminal actions are now pending in any Superior Court against any citizen of Pender county, or where the same shall be instituted before the organization of the county of Pender, the same shall be continued and prosecuted therein as now provided by law.

SEC. 15. That Robert I. Nixon, Fletcher H. Bell, Robert R. Bryant, John D. Powers and James Gason are appointed commissioners to confer with a commission to be appointed by the commissioners of New Hanover county, to adjust and ascertain the part of the public debt of New Hanover to be assumed by the county of Pender: *Provided*, That in said adjustment the public buildings of New Hanover shall be valued and that amount deducted from the debt, and the residue divided between the counties according to the amount of taxable property in each as evidenced by the tax books of New Hanover, and in case the respective commissioners cannot agree they are authorized to call in the chairman of the board of county commissioners of Duplin or Brunswick county as umpire.

Adjustment of  
debt.